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Highlights

- Cattle on Feed • Dairy Products
- Fertilizer
- Cold storage • Prices

United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	May 1999	May 2000	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002
Broiler	7.3	5.8	8.1	*5.9	6.1
Hog-corn	18.4	22.9	27.7	*16.6	17.5
Milk feed	2.99	2.63	3.41	*2.77	2.66

* Revised.

Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices May 2001	U.S. prices May 15 2002 ^{1/}	Oregon		
			May 2001	Apr 2002	May 15 2002 ^{1/}
Crops:					
Wheat, bu \$	2.98	2.80	3.01	*3.01	3.11
Barley, bu \$	2.12	2.14	2.21	*2.08	2.05
Oats, bu \$	1.28	2.02	n/a	*2.20	2.35
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton \$	113.00	108.00	104.00	109.00	110.00
Hay, All Baled, ton \$	107.00	102.00	98.00	107.00	109.00
Potatoes, cwt \$	5.24	10.70	4.70	*8.05	8.30
Onions, fr, cwt \$	15.50	20.40	2/	2/	2/
Sweet corn, fr, cwt \$	24.60	18.00	2/	2/	2/
Pears, fr, ton \$	417.00	267.00	2/	2/	2/
Apples, fr, lbs . . . . . \$	.152	.218	2/	2/	2/
Strawberries, fr, lbs . . . . . \$	.516	.613	2/	2/	2/
Livestock/products:					
Steers/heifers cwt \$	77.40	69.30	83.90	*76.10	73.50
Slaughter cows cwt \$	43.70	40.20	42.30	*38.90	38.70
Calves, cwt \$	111.00	98.90	95.30	*89.00	85.00
Lambs, cwt \$	80.00	—	79.90	61.00	—
Sheep, cwt \$	36.30	—	28.50	23.00	—
All milk sold to plants, cwt \$	15.50	12.30	2/	2/	2/
Fat test %	3.60	3.63	2/	2/	2/
Eggs, doz . . . . . \$	.552	.505	2/	2/	2/

Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14 = 100		1990-92 = 100		
	May 2001	May 2002	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002
All farm products	626	613	102	102	101
All crops	567	601	101	107	107
Livestock & prod.	760	639	104	*90	87

United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14 = 100		1990-92 = 100		
	May 2001	May 2002	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002
Prices rcvd	685	624	108	95	98
Prices paid ^{1/}	1,649	1,641	124	123	123
Ratio ^{2/}	42	38	87	77	80

^{1/} Price Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

^{2/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14 = 100 Base is the parity ratio.

* Revised.

^{1/} Preliminary.

^{2/} Monthly estimate discontinued January 2000.

^{3/} Insufficient sales to establish a price.

* Revised entire month.

These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile month to month.

U.S. cattle on feed down 2 percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.96 million head on May 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2001 but slightly above May 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 15 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.37 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 210,000, 600-699 pounds were 255,000, 700-799 pounds were 512,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 476,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 10 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during April, 7 percent below 2001 and 8 percent below 2000.

Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots, United States, May 1, 2000-2002

Item	Number			2002
	2000	2001	2002	2001
	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	head	head	head	percent
On feed April 1. ^{1/}	11,202	11,523	11,577	100
Placed on feed during April.	1,707	1,551	1,453	94
Fed cattle marketed during April.	1,875	1,815	1,991	110
Other disappearance during April. ^{2/}	90	89	83	93
On feed May 1. ^{1/}	10,944	11,170	10,956	98

^{1/} Cattle & calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Fertilizer: Commercial usage, 2000-2001

Kind	Oregon			United States		
	2000	2001	2001 2000	2000 *	2001	2001 2000
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>%</i>
Total consumption	425,081	598,634	141	53,541,529	52,003,674	97
Single - nutrient	298,623	469,830	157	31,719,119	30,482,619	96
Multiple - nutrient	108,743	87,832	81	18,755,747	18,309,469	98
Organic & secondary micro nutrients	17,715	40,101	226	3,066,491	3,210,698	105
Primary plant nutrient consumption - Total	172,991	184,107	106	21,619,213	20,649,280	96
Nitrogen (N) - Total	88,091	119,365	136	12,333,767	11,488,414	93
Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅) - Total	34,303	34,260	100	4,313,825	4,240,505	98
Potash (K ₂ O) - Total	50,597	30,481	60	4,971,621	4,920,361	99

* Revised.

Fertilizer: Direct application materials consumption, Oregon, 1997 – 2001

Material	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Nitrogen materials:					
Anhydrous ammonia	35,162	42,162	30,365	10,236	17,524
Aqua ammonia	10,104	11,220	9,708	8,602	12,038
Ammonium nitrate	37,550	36,200	27,690	13,065	14,589
Ammonium sulfate	95,462	94,913	81,193	25,650	43,997
Nitrogen solutions	79,792	84,721	68,019	34,360	59,305
Urea	111,665	129,571	124,285	71,627	92,268
Other	62,434	58,028	43,968	50,130	101,745
Phosphate materials:					
Phosphoric acid	6,728	8,102	5,875	2,481	4,686
Super phosphates (over 22%)	2,461	2,932	2,674	1,486	2,653
Other	4,942	4,162	2,103	6,877	4,515
Potash materials:					
Chloride grades	46,445	60,721	51,527	64,842	43,668
Other	13,950	18,907	14,766	9,267	13,400

Source: Association of American Plant Food Control Officials.

Most cold storage holdings lower

Holdings of frozen **berries** on April 30, 2002 in the Pacific Region (California, Oregon, and Washington) were down 11 percent from a year earlier. The April 30, 2002 data in this report are preliminary and are subject to revisions. The April 30, 2002 blueberry holdings were up 11 percent regionally and up 24 percent nationally. Red raspberry holdings were down 16 percent regionally and down 17 percent nationally. Strawberry holdings were down 12 percent regionally and down 14 percent nationally. The region held just over 68 percent of the 48-State total of frozen berry stocks. This was down 3 percent from last year. At the U.S. level the frozen fruit items decreased 7 percent from last year.

In the Pacific Region, the April 30, 2002 total **green bean** holdings were down 16 percent from last year. Frozen cut corn stocks were up 21 percent and cob corn stocks increas-

ed 9 percent from last year. Green pea stocks were down 16 percent. The combined holdings of frozen green beans, sweet corn, and green pea stocks were up 2 percent regionally and up 9 percent nationally.

Stocks of frozen **french-fried potatoes** on April 30, 2002 were down 19 percent regionally and down 8 percent nationally. The Pacific Region held 46 percent of the nation's frozen french fries. Other frozen potato stocks were down 7 percent regionally but up 5 percent nationally.

Pacific Region fresh **apples** for April 30, 2002 were down 24 percent and down 18 percent nationally. The Pacific Region held 74 percent of the U.S. totals. U.S. holdings of fresh **pears** were up 45 percent from last year.

Cold storage holdings for selected commodities, April 30, 2002 with comparisons

Commodity	Pacific Region ^{1/}			United States		
	April 30, 2001	April 30, 2002	2002/2001	April 30, 2001	April 30, 2002	2002/2001
	<i>Thousand pounds</i>	<i>Thousand pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand pounds</i>	<i>Thousand pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Frozen Berries:						
Blueberries	10,664	11,806	111	53,932	66,628	124
Raspberries, Red	26,164	22,091	84	29,771	24,674	83
Strawberries	151,540	133,149	88	179,841	154,218	86
Total	188,368	167,046	89	263,544	245,520	93
Frozen Vegetables:						
Green Beans:						
Reg. Cut	30,883	24,364	79	73,172	64,693	88
French Cut	5,121	5,716	112	12,658	11,511	91
Corn:						
Cut	96,839	116,919	121	160,573	208,157	130
Cob	73,815	80,407	109	128,176	150,814	118
Green Peas	90,291	75,925	84	154,378	139,401	90
Total	296,949	303,331	102	528,957	574,576	109
Potatoes:						
French Fries	540,564	435,519	81	1,032,416	951,369	92
Other Frozen	128,562	120,046	93	247,987	259,406	105
Fresh Fruits:						
Apples ^{2/}	1,501,433	1,146,748	76	1,890,570	1,549,658	82
Pears *	*	*	*	55,357	80,225	145

^{1/} Oregon, Washington and California.

^{2/} In regular and controlled atmosphere storage.

* Regional totals not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Dairy products: Quantities manufactured,
March 2002**

Product		Production	
		March 2002	Change from 2001
		Thousand	Percent
Oregon			
American cheese	lbs.	7,943	48.1
Ice cream, hard	gal.	960	-4.5
United States			
Butter	lbs.	128,972	15.8
American cheese	lbs.	316,452	6.5
Creamed cottage cheese	lbs.	31,664	-3.8
Canned evap. and con- densed whole milk	lbs.	40,510	19.9
Non-fat dry milk	lbs.	142,792	17.9
Yogurt-plain & flavored	lbs.	179,575	3.8
Ice cream, hard	gal.	76,692	-0.5
Ice cream, low fat, soft	gal.	22,900	-17.0
Frozen yogurt, all	gal.	7,184	-2.8

Did You Know?

Oregon is the number one producer in potted florist azaleas? Oregon is also the leading State in Christmas tree, hazelnut, peppermint, blackberry, loganberry, boysen and youngberry, Black raspberry, and seed for ryegrass, orchard grass, and fescue production.

In 2001, the top ten Oregon commodities in value were greenhouse and nursery products, cattle and calves, hay, grass seed, milk, Christmas trees, potatoes, wheat, pears, and onions. Wine grapes have advanced to twelfth place behind eggs.

Find these and other agriculture data in the newly released "Facts and Figures". Some data are preliminary and will be changed with final data.

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